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## Obama uses bill signing to show support for Israel



**AFP photo shows US President Barack Obama signing the United States-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation Act in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, DC, yesterday. Looking on from left are: Chairman Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations Richard Stone, Senator Barbara Boxer, D-CA, former AIPAC chairman Howard Friedman, Rep Howard Berman, D-CA, and AIPAC Chairman of the Board Lee Rosenberg. President Obama made a show of support for Israel at the White House yesterday, ahead of a weekend visit to the US ally by Republican presidential rival Mitt Romney. Israeli journalists were invited to attend the signing along with photographers and reporters accredited to the White House. Such signing ceremonies have been uncommon in the Obama presidency.**

## Groundbreaking book "Prescriptions from Paradise" by Carlos Viana earns rave reviews and a U.S. Book Award for Alternative Medicine

Carlos Viana, Certified Oriental Medical Doctor (OMD China) CCN, a specialist in Biocompatible Medicine and homeopathic techniques launched his book "Prescriptions from Paradise," in April, and it is creating quite a buzz among established medical circles as well as being a sensation in the field of Alternative Medicine. "If I had any idea it was going to be this big," muses Dr. Viana at his Kibaima clinic, "I would have certainly printed more copies."

The book is a very attractive, easy to understand A to Z compendium of the weekly columns he has been writing for a local paper for over 10 years. It outlines a simple protocol he has developed over 20 years, based on his observations of applying various techniques and philosophies and extracting from the results of treatments what he found was consistently effective, the best of a diversity of methods.

His findings have convinced him that many degenerative conditions have been produced by our own immune system's constant war with the irritants and allergens in the environment and our diets, creating a chronic state of inflammation. This inflammation is a method the body uses to fight disease, debilitating conditions or injury, but it should be reactive and intermittent as needed, receding when it has served its purpose, so the body returns to a balanced state.

Purifying the body by drinking daily adequate amounts of mineral water as



**Barefoot doctor in his consultation room under the trees**

well as establishing a proper diet according to blood type, free of artificial additives and supplemented by natural vitamin and mineral compounds is a start to achieving a balanced, healthy state, high in energy. He also recommends certain homeopathic treatments and acupuncture to contend with

specific problems. However, above all, recognizing the stressors and sources of the problems, not just treating the symptoms, is the key, which for most patients, entails a complete change of lifestyle and attitude.

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## Renovation of Center for Resocialization of Addicts



With the renovation of the "Choler detention center" at KIA (Aruba's correctional institute) a cooperation has begun between the Public Health Department and the Justice Department with respect to the resocialization of addicts and their incorporation back into the community. Twenty five cells will be made available for the Public Health Department for addicts under custody and another 25 cells for KIA for the incarceration of addicts who break the law.

Minister of Justice, Arthur Dowers, on Tuesday visited the facilities under renovation at KIA. Dowers explained that almost one million Aruban florins were being invested in the renovation project to guarantee that the facility where people will be receiving treatment are in compliance with the norms of CPT, the European Commission for the prevention of torture.

The Public Health Department and Justice will be working together to guarantee an



optimal process of resocialization, according to Dowers. All aspects of security will be taken into account since the center is on the premises of KIA and everyone must adhere to the rules of security of the institution.

Regarding KIA, the Minister indicated that an evaluation of the construction and the renovation work done in the past is being conducted by experts of the Public Works Department and others. They will determine factors which must be corrected in the short term and what must be done over the long term.

## KIA taking positive steps in the right direction!



SAN NICOLAS -- Although with limited human and financial resources, KIA (Aruba's Correctional Institute) is taking steps in the right direction with respect to the welfare of workers as well as detainees, according to Minister of Justice, Arthur Dowers. The resources are not enough to realize all that they envision to do, but work is continuing and everyday they are making progress in the right direction, says Dowers.

Dowers reported that they have now assembled the management team with a third member. They have employed a psychologist and are working on attracting social workers for the institution. At the same time they are creating recreational options and acceptable distractions for the detainees. He assured all that at KIA there are no inhuman conditions that, according to Dowers, is totally unacceptable.

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## Celebration of Hubert "Lio" Booi's 93rd Birthday



The orchestra started the music and the fiesta was begun! The fiesta began and ended well except for a small accident which involved Mr. Booi. It was a festive occasion in an atmosphere of friends, brethren, neighbors and good old-time friends. A slight rain also brought some blessing on the crowd. Dignitaries from Aruba as well as from Bonaire arrived at Booi's home to hug and salute him on his 93rd birthday. Present for the festive occasion were, Aruba Governor Fredis Refunjol and spouse, Lieutenant Governor of Bonaire Mrs. Emerencia, President of Parliament Paul Croes, various members of Parliament, Prime Minister Mike Eman and spouse, Minister Arthur Dowers and a large group of people from all generations and nationalities who gathered to celebrate the unique occasion. Many came from the world of theater and music to celebrate with Hubert Booi, affectionately called "E flamingo Arubiano."

The Prime Minister characterized Mr. Booi as such a



strong source of inspiration that even three generations later he is still inspiring us. Booi created for us the instrument, the words, and the music that transcends one generation to another. Few have the ability, the talent to penetrate the hearts of so many from wherever they've come, from whichever generation, the sentiments of being a 'yui di Aruba' (Aruban child), in the words of Prime Minister Eman.

Eman asked all to offer a

hearty applause as a gesture of admiration and love for Hubert Booi. He also asked God to grant Booi many more years of life so he can continue to inspire us as he has for so many years.

Hubert Booi is co-author of Aruba's National Anthem and the author of many lovely songs like "Chanita" and songs of the play "Amor di Kibaima," and a host of other songs.

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## Groundbreaking book by Carlos Viana earns rave reviews ...

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His book also acknowledges all bodies are different, it is important conditions be analyzed and treatment should be individualized.

Viana and his wife Phyllis elected to form their own printing company, Healing Spirit Press, so as to have complete control over the editing process, as they feared commercial publishers might dilute his message. The spring 2012 issue of Leading Edge Review, a magazine dedicated to books on alternative spiritual lifestyles and medicine, gave it front page as Blessingway's Top Pick. They were also very surprised and pleased to be informed that USA Book News, which recognizes exceptional efforts on a global level and presents awards every three years for the best of the best in 100 book topics among printed, audio and e-books, selected "Prescriptions from Paradise" as their #1 Choice of 2010, 2011 and 2012 in the "Alternative Medicine" category, among tens of thousands of publications.

"This is particularly surprising and gratifying as there is generally a certain stigma unconsciously attached to self-published books," he observes, "but this was our creative choice, and we are thrilled at the international reception." Though he admits at first glance it may strike some as "new-age naturalism," he puts his patients through a series of highly-advanced blood, spit and allergy testing, using technology many of the island's medical doctors have yet to deploy.

Carlos is also gratified that the mainstream magazine "Alternative Medicine" has



announced that their selected gift with long term subscription will be a copy of his book. "Much to our delight, it looks like we will soon have to look to a second printing, with more copies for this run."

"Over the 20 years I have been developing my protocol, I have been studying continuously, and I am blessed that I had a fascination and strong background for biochemistry; it gave me the foundation to really understand the metabolic pathways of the human body. Testing, consultation and analysis are required to identify all the stressors producing the inflammatory response of a patient, after which a complete program is required to eliminate all the sources." This requires a sincere desire on the part of the patient to be well and accept possibly drastic changes in their lifestyle as part of an all-encompassing wellness program. His book is an entertainingly written and acclaimed introduction to the layman to help understand what elements may be responsible for their lack of energy or specific problems, with biocompatible treatment as a solutions.

Discover more about Carlos Viana on his website <http://vianaheal.com/> and sample his book at <http://hspress.com/>

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## KIA taking positive steps

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This does not mean that a detainee cannot take the institution to court if they consider a particular condition to be unacceptable to them, which, according to Dowers has happened on one occasion. In that instance the Judge ruled that the conditions in KIA are acceptable. The case the detainees now want to take to court is, despite the fact that an extra roof was constructed, that they get wet in their cells when it rains.

According to Dowers... "we will continue to work on improving the conditions in the prison. At the moment we are working on necessary courses for the personnel and on the expansion of personnel." He claims that there are also interests for obtaining medical staff to provide better medical care and guidance to detainees.

As Minister of Justice, Arthur Dowers is cognizant of the fact that he is responsible for the safety and security of detainees and for ensuring respect for their rights. There are specific laws to guarantee this.

## UN urges Caribbean to combat violence against women

The United Nations Director of UN Women for Latin America and the Caribbean Moni Pizni has urged the region to increase efforts to combat the rising number of sexual violence and abuse against women.

According to Pizni, three of the 10 countries in the world with the highest rate of rape and abuse are in the Caribbean.

Pizni said that "13 percent of women in the region reported at some time to have been victims of domestic violence and 23 percent of psychological violence."

The phenomenon also extends farther south into Latin America, "where 40 percent of women are victims of physical violence and 50 percent due to psychological abuse in relationships," she said.

She urged the government authorities in the region to bolster their efforts to fight against violence towards women, noting that abuses against women are the most frequent human rights violation in the area, thus requiring a greater commitment in the struggle by governments and societies at large.

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Hubert Booi was born in Bonaire, but spent practically his whole life on Aruba, hence the nickname "Flamingo Arubiano." A few weeks ago Aruba signed a friendship agreement with Bonaire - an agreement for both islands to work together on various fields. One of the areas for joint cooperation is the field of culture. On the night of the celebration of Booi's birthday that agreement became very meaning-

ful. We experienced the melodic tunes of Bonaire's Rincon Boyz popular band with both islands dancing and enjoying the hot rhythms of Bonaire.

Hubert Booi is Aruba's artist par excellence, a humble man whose works of art speak a language understood by all who love culture. Happy Birthday Hubert 'Lio' Booi. May God grant you many more wonderful years!





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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Two dead, over 130,000 without power after fierce storms



ELMIRA - Violent thunderstorms barreled through the Ohio Valley and mid-Atlantic regions of the eastern United States late on Thursday, killing two people and cutting power to more than 130,000 homes and businesses in New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The storms spawned at least one tornado, which touched down in Elmira, New York, toppling trees and ripping off rooftops, the National Weather Service said.

Officials in Pennsylvania and New York reported two storm-related deaths.

The storms forced the can-

cellation of over 900 flights on Thursday, according to reports. The highest number of cancellations was at LaGuardia Airport in New York.

The one reported tornado hit Elmira's east side hardest. In one four-block neighborhood, most homes had trees toppled on them, street signs were bent and tree trunks had debris wrapped around them. Several cars were crushed by downed trees.

As the storms sent black, menacing clouds across cities and open country, hail ranging from dime- to quarter-sized fell in some areas of Pennsylvania.

## Syria gunships hit rebels amid massacre fears

ALEPPO (AFP) - Syrian gunships pounded rebels and troops clashed with insurgents in Aleppo yesterday as world powers voiced fears over an all-out assault and called for "maximum pressure" to prevent a massacre.

Columns of armed forces and armour have poured into Aleppo over the past two days, with troops firing on a string of rebel neighbourhoods in the battle for control of the pivotal northern city.

Amid widespread expectations that an increasingly desperate President Bashar al-Assad will pull out all the stops to secure Aleppo, residents of some areas of the commercial capital fled in fear of a massacre.

The redeployments were "almost complete," a Syrian security official told AFP, adding however that "rebels are stationed in narrow streets, in which fighting will be difficult."

Colonel Abdel Jabbar al-Okaidi of the rebel Free Syrian Army told AFP via Skype that "we expect a major offensive at any time."

Syrian Observatory for

Human Rights director Rami Abdel Rahman said: "The question is, to what extent will regime troops resort to excessive use of force, because if this is the case, there will be hundreds of deaths."

Aleppo has been the scene of fierce fighting since rebels launched a major offensive on July 20 from rear bases across the nearby border with Turkey.

The Observatory said helicopter gunships attacked the southwest of the city, in the Salaheddin, Bustan al-Qasr, Sukari, Al-Mashhad and Al-Azamiya neighbourhoods.

In Salaheddin, a rebel told AFP by telephone that residents were fleeing and confirmed helicopters had been firing on the district since daybreak. Troops were on the outskirts of the area and had not yet tried to enter.

Troops also clashed with rebels in the central district of Al-Jamaliya, adjacent to the historic old quarter, as well as in Mahatat Baghdad and in Saadallah al-Jabiri Square.

The Observatory reported at least four deaths in Aleppo yesterday, among 59 people killed nationwide -- 27 civilians, 17 soldiers and five rebels.

Amid the skirmishes, the rebels captured 150 soldiers and militia members in Aleppo and the northwestern province

of Idlib, the Britain-based Observatory said.

On Thursday, pro-government daily Al-Watan said Aleppo would be "the mother of all battles."

"Aleppo will be the last battle waged by the Syrian army to crush the terrorists and, after that, Syria will emerge from the crisis," it said.

A number of powers expressed fears of yet another massacre.

In late May, at least 108 people were killed near the central town of Houla, the United Nations said. On July 12, regime forces killed more than 150 people in the central village of Treimsa, including dozens of rebels, the Observatory said.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon yesterday urged the Assad regimeday to stop its offensive on Aleppo, amid fears of an all-out onslaught against rebel forces and civilians.

"I'm seriously concerned by the escalating violence in Aleppo," Ban said during a visit to London for the Olympic Games. "I urge the Syrian government to halt the offensive."

"The violence from both sides must stop for the sake of suffering civilians in Syria," he added, following a meeting with British Foreign Secretary William Hague.

### Amazon founder donates \$2.5 M to support gay marriage

Billionaire Amazon.com founder and president Jeff Bezos is donating \$2.5 million to help a Washington state law that legalized gay marriage survive a referendum this November. Bezos and his wife, MacKenzie, are now among the largest donors to gay marriage in the country.

Gay marriage was legalized in Washington state in February, but opponents immediately started a campaign to recall the law in a referendum.



**RUGARI : Civilians flee heavy gunfire on the road leading from Rugari to Kibumba in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Gunfire briefly rung-out yesterday afternoon as government forces clashed with M23 rebels around the town of Rugari, some 37km from Goma, the provincial capital. (AFP PHOTO)**



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## 800 people evacuated from Batman showing in Mexico

GUADALAJARA (AFP) - Some 800 people were evacuated from a showing of the latest Batman movie in Mexico, after a fire broke out at a cinema complex yesterday.

The incident occurred at the first showing of *The Dark Night Rises* at a cinema complex in Guadalajara, Mexico's second largest city.

The local fire department told AFP there were no injuries.

Moviegoers were reportedly confused when the fire alarm sounded.

"We did not know if it was the movie or what happened, until the lights came on and they made us leave," audience member Carlos Martinez told daily newspaper, *El Universal*.

Firefighters said they conducted the evacuation without any unexpected incident or panic among attendees.

## Top Zetas drug cartel member captured

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexico's military has captured an alleged head of the notorious Zetas drug cartel, authorities said yesterday.

Mauricio Guizar Cardenas was arrested in a hotel in the state of Puebla, the navy said in a statement. He was wanted for the murder of four naval personnel in April and had a rocket-launcher and drugs when troops detained him.

Guizar, nicknamed "El Amarillo" or "The Yellow", is considered the head of the Zetas in five districts of south-eastern Mexico, the statement said. He has been transferred to Mexico City for prosecution.

## Admiral: Russia in talks on 'Cuba, Vietnam' naval bases

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia is holding talks about opening naval bases in Moscow's Soviet-era allies Cuba and Vietnam as well as the Seychelles, the commander-in-chief of the Russian navy said yesterday.

"It is true, we are working on the deployment of Russian naval bases outside Russian territory," Vice Admiral Viktor Chirkov told the RIA

Novosti news agency.

"Within this work we are discussing the possibility of creating material and technical supply centers on the territory of Cuba, Seychelles and Vietnam," Chirkov said ahead of a meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Vietnamese counterpart Truong Tan Sang later yesterday.

The Soviet Navy had foreign bases in Cam Ranh, in the south of Vietnam, and Tartus in Syria.

The Syrian base in Tartus, which was created in 1971 as a supply center for the Russian fleet in the Mediterranean, became Moscow's only military base outside the USSR.

During the early years of

his presidency, Putin also closed a Russian listening post on Cuba, a key Soviet-era client, in what was seen at the time as a major step towards improving post-Cold War relations with Washington.

But with relations between Russia and the West undergoing a new period of tension at the start of Putin's third presidential mandate, Moscow

seems keen to revive Soviet-era alliances.

In Washington, a Pentagon spokesman said the United States was not concerned by Russian moves to re-establish foreign bases.

"The Russian government has interest in various parts of the world, it's their right to promote those interests," said George Little.



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## New Flight Schedule as of July 30th 2012

Aruba - Bonaire			
Flight Nr.	Departure	Arrival	Days
305	3:00 PM	3:55 PM	6
305	3:45 PM	4:40 PM	5 7

Bonaire - Aruba			
Flight Nr.	Departure	Arrival	Days
306	4:15 PM	5:10 PM	6
306	5:00 PM	5:55 PM	5 7

Aruba - Curacao			
Flight Nr.	Departure	Arrival	Days
301	07:00 AM	07:35 AM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
303	10:30 AM	11:05 AM	7
303	1:30 PM	2:05 PM	1 2 3 4 5
307	7:00 PM	7:35 PM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Curacao - Aruba			
Flight Nr.	Departure	Arrival	Days
302	09:25 AM	10:00 AM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
304	12:55 PM	1:30 PM	7
304	3:55 PM	4:30 PM	1 2 3 4 5
308	9:25 PM	10:00 PM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Curacao - Bonaire			
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301	08:00 AM	08:20 AM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
303	11:30 AM	11:50 AM	7
303	2:30 PM	2:50 PM	1 2 3 4 5
307	8:00 PM	8:20 PM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Bonaire - Curacao			
Flight Nr.	Departure	Arrival	Days
302	8:40 AM	9:00 AM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
304	12:10 PM	12:30 PM	7
304	3:10 PM	3:30 PM	1 2 3 4 5
308	8:40 PM	9:00 PM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Aruba - Riohacha (Colombia)			
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1331	10:30 AM	10:45 AM	2 4 6

Riohacha (Colombia) - Aruba			
Flight Nr.	Departure	Arrival	Days
1332	11:15 AM	1:30 PM	2 4 6

Aruba - Las Piedras (Venezuela)			
Flight Nr.	Departure	Arrival	Days
201	7:15 AM	7:10 AM	2
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205	11:30 AM	11:25 AM	5
203	12:00 PM	11:55 AM	1 5 6 7
207	1:50 PM	1:45 PM	5
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208	4:55 PM	5:50 PM	1 2 3 4 6 7
208	5:25 PM	6:20 PM	5

Aruba - Maracaibo			
Flight Nr.	Departure	Arrival	Days
1241	7:05 AM	7:35 AM	3 5
1245	6:50 PM	7:20 PM	7

Maracaibo - Aruba			
Flight Nr.	Departure	Arrival	Days
1242	8:05 AM	9:35 AM	3 5
1246	7:50 PM	9:20 PM	7

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## Health & Living

### First vaccine against dengue found to work in Thailand trial

The world's first vaccine against the dengue virus has been shown to protect against three of the four strains of the virus in a trial in Thailand, the vaccine's maker announced this week. The vaccine actually generated antibody responses against all four strains of the virus, but for some reason, one strain was still able to infect children who received the vaccine, the company said, and scientists are now trying to figure out why. Meanwhile, a much larger trial involving 31,000 adults and children is now under way in 10 countries in Asia and Latin America.

As many as 3 billion people, mostly in equatorial regions, are vulnerable to infections by the virus, which is carried by mosquitoes. In the United States, it is common only in Puerto Rico and Hawaii, although there was a recent outbreak in Florida. An estimated 230 million people are infected each year. As many as 80% of those do not develop symptoms, but 2 million -- mostly children -- develop a severe form called dengue hemorrhagic fever. Symptoms include fever, headache and muscle and joint pains -- which have led to the alternative name, break-bone fever. Infections can be lethal. There is no specific treatment for infections and currently no preventive agent.

Dengue is an RNA virus of the same genus as the West Nile, yellow fever and St. Louis encephalitis viruses. There are four strains of the virus. Infection with one strain provides lifelong immunity against that strain, but only short-term immunity against the other three.

## Hepatitis C outbreak triggers fears

BOSTON - Hospitals in several U.S. states are scrambling to check if patients were exposed to the hepatitis C virus by an itinerant medical technician charged last week in connection with an outbreak in New Hampshire.

The worker, David Matthew Kwiatkowski, was charged with federal drug crimes. Authorities say the Michigan native stole drugs and

contaminated needles while working at New Hampshire's Exeter Hospital Cardiac Catheterization Unit in 2011 and 2012.

Kwiatkowski allegedly injected himself with the painkiller Fentanyl intended for patients, and left the syringes for the hospital to re-use.

Hepatitis C is caused by a virus that attacks the liver, and



authorities are asking as many as 6,000 patients treated in the hospital's operating rooms and intensive care units between April 2011 and May 2012 to be urgently tested for possible exposure.

According to a police report the Kwiatkowski wrote a suicide note saying "couldn't handle this stress anymore".

is considered among the most serious hepatitis viruses. It is passed through contact with contaminated blood, often through shared needles.

Most people do not know they have the infection until liver damage shows up years or decades later. It can lead to cirrhosis or liver cancer.

Kwiatkowski is believed to have had hepatitis C since at least June 2010. Thirty cases of the same strain have been confirmed among patients from the New Hampshire hospital's cardiac catheterization lab.

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## Sci-Tech

# Scientists find Grand Canyon-sized rift under Antarctic ice



(AFP) - Scientists have discovered a rift the size of the Grand Canyon hidden under the Antarctic ice sheet, which they say is contributing to ice melt and a consequent rise in the sea level.

The rift, some 1.5 kilometres (one mile) deep, 10 kilometres wide and 100

kilometres long, was found by researchers using radar to measure the subglacial topography, glaciologist Robert Bingham told AFP.

Scientists believe a shrinking West Antarctic Ice Sheet is responsible for about 10 percent of climate-change-induced sea level rise, which if unchecked threatens to flood many coastal

cities within a few generations.

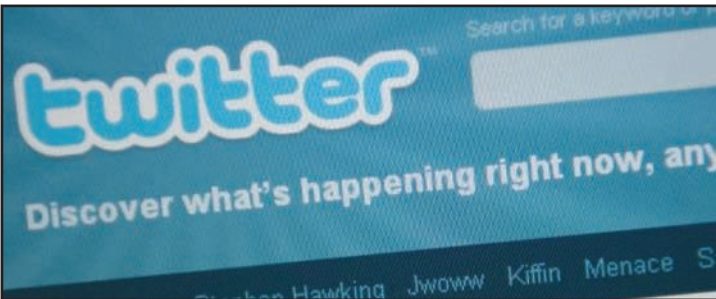
The sheet, a huge mass of ice up to four kilometres thick that covers the land surface and stretches into the sea, is melting faster than any other part of Antarctica.

But scientists' sketchy knowledge of the sub-surface topography has made it difficult to predict the exact rate and extent of ice sheet loss, said the study published in *Nature*.

The newly discovered valley, formed long before the region was covered by ice, is believed to be part of a wider West Antarctic rift system, "which we've known exists but we don't know where it goes," said Bingham.

Bingham said the find showed that not only modern climate factors but also geology is contributing to ice loss.

## Twitter explains new mystery outage



(AFP) - A freak double failure in its data centers took Twitter down for around an hour on Thursday, leaving millions without updates from friends, celebrities and news providers a day ahead of the Olympics.

"We are sorry," said Mazen Rawashdeh, Twitter's vice president of engineering, in a message on the company's support blog.

In a blog post, Rawashdeh explained that the blackout was triggered by a data center system and its backup system failing simultaneously.

"I wish I could say that today's outage could be explained by the Olympics or even a cascading bug," he said. "Instead, it was due to this infrastructural double-whammy."

Service was gradually restored and many users posted messages expressing relief in sarcastic terms.

"Wow. Wasn't sure I'd survive that @twitter outage. I even took to Facebook. Desperate times call for desperate measures. Thankful it's back," professional baseball player

Michael Schlact tweeted.

Last month, the service was downed for several hours by what the company described as a "cascading bug," but the company said this time it had fallen victim to the double data center failure.

"Data centers are designed to be redundant: when one system fails, as everything does at one time or another, a parallel system takes over," Rawashdeh said in a message to users.

"What was noteworthy about today's outage was the coincidental failure of two parallel systems at nearly the same time."

But Rawashdeh promised that "we are investing aggressively in our systems to avoid this situation in the future."

In its early days, Twitter was notoriously unstable and would display a picture known as the "fail whale" on its home page when it experienced one of its frequent outages.

The service has become more reliable over the past couple of years, however, and down time is now infrequent.

## Gorilla accidentally hangs himself at Prague zoo

A gorilla accidentally hanged himself on Friday at the Prague zoo, five years after gaining the spotlight when his birth was broadcast live on the internet.

Tatu died in the morning while playing in a rope structure in the gorilla wing, the zoo director said.

"This is the most tragic event that has happened at the Prague zoo since a flood damaged a large section in August 2002," director Miroslav Bobek said in a statement.

Zoo employees could only attempt to resuscitate the great ape after they managed to chase off other gorillas from Tatu with a water pump.

"It's mainly the female Kamba, the oldest member of the herd, who stubbornly refused to quit Tatu," Bobek said.

The zoo has spearheaded projects to protect the endangered species, such as by raising money for the Dja gorilla reserve in Cameroon. It hosts a gorilla news website that accepts donations.

Tragedy struck the zoo in 2002 when unprecedented floods hit the Czech capital and the zoo, located by the Vltava river, killing several animals including a gorilla named Pong.

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## Google doodle celebrates London 2012 Olympics



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Breaking away from the traditional five rings logo, Google marks the event's opening ceremony with a sporty image.

The doodle is a cheery and colorful cartoon that features a handful of athletes holding the letters of the search giant's name. The doodle features five young athletes on a track hold-

ing the five letters of Google's logo. The athletes belong to different sports, including football, basketball, javelin throw, fencing, sprint and swimming.

Google's logo is as playful as 2008, when a series of Doodles for the Beijing Games depicted animals participating in various sports.

London hosts the 30th modern Olympic Games from July 27, 2012 to August 12, 2012.



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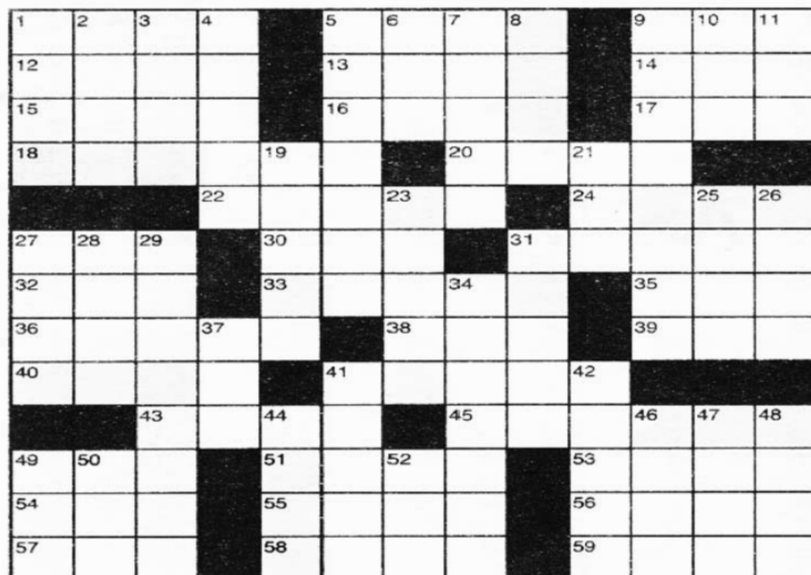
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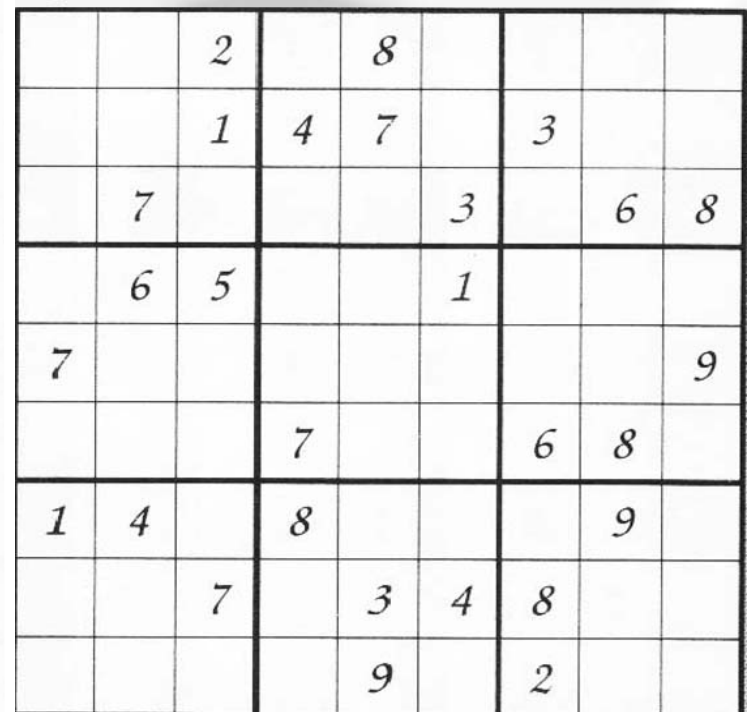
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## Finance

### IMF sees deeper Spanish recession in 2012, 2013

PARIS (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund warned yesterday that the Spanish recession would be worse than initially expected, with a forecast contraction of 1.7 percent this year and of 1.2 percent in 2013.

In addition, the IMF said that worsening market tension could disrupt Spain's ability to finance itself, despite a eurozone bailout agreed for Spanish banks and emergency financial reforms for the 17-nation bloc.

"Market tensions could intensify further, threatening market access, particularly if policies fail to stem capital outflows or due to further stress elsewhere in the euro area," the IMF said in a report on the eurozone's fourth biggest economy.

Spanish borrowing costs are close to the level at which Greece, Ireland and Portugal were forced to seek international bailouts, and eurozone leaders are pulling out all the stops to prevent Madrid from facing the same fate.

Meanwhile however, the

IMF estimated that the Spanish public deficit would exceed the government's target in 2012, and 2013 when it would be 5.9 percent of output, the fund forecast.

Eurozone countries are not supposed to have deficits of more than 3.0 percent of gross domestic product (GDP), but Spain's was likely to be around 7.0 percent this year, the IMF warned. The Spanish government currently aims for a 6.3 percent deficit in 2012 and 4.5 percent in 2013.

On June 29, European leaders agreed at an EU summit on financial reforms for the eurozone, including measures to recapitalize banks without adding to the debt load of host countries.

"Spain's prospects for lowering borrowing costs would be critically helped by a timely implementation of the summit decisions and continued progress toward a banking and fiscal union at the European level," the IMF said.

Yesterday, the government ruled out the prospect of a full international bailout.

### White House forecasts stubbornly high unemployment

WASHINGTON (AFP) - White House economists yesterday predicted that unemployment will fall only slightly by the end of the year, amid modest economic growth and a dangerously high budget deficit.

The Office of Management and Budget showed little in the way of optimism about the state of the world's largest economy, forecasting unemployment of 7.9 percent by year-end, compared with 8.2 percent today.

The White House unit also predicted that 2012 growth would come in around 2.6 percent, not fast enough to bring down painfully high levels of joblessness, which remain the biggest obstacle to a solid recovery and President Barack Obama's chances of re-election in November.

The 2012 budget deficit is expected to reach \$1.21 trillion, around \$116 billion less than first expected, but still astronomically high, at 7.8 percent of gross domestic product.

Amid rolling crises spilling over from Europe and twitchy consumers and investors at home, the US economy has struggled for four years to recover from the "Great Recession."

Earlier estimates had expected growth of around 2.7 percent this year, with unemployment of 8.9 percent.

Obama's allies in Congress seized on the latest figures as evidence of the need for Republicans to accept the

president's plans to juice the economy.

"There is much more work to be done to bolster our recovery," said Congressman Chris Van Hollen. "It is more important than ever to pass the president's jobs package, which has been sitting before the House of Representatives since September."

Republican oppose the plan because it would raise taxes on those earning over \$200,000 a year.

### Facebook hammered as earnings fuel doubts

NEW YORK (AFP) - Facebook shares took a beating yesterday after uninspiring earnings in the first results since the much-hyped public offering of the world's biggest social network.

In morning trade, Facebook shares plunged 15.22 percent to \$22.76, worse than the declines seen in after-market trade Thursday. The

shares are down some 40 percent from the offering price in May of \$38.

Facebook reported a loss of \$157 million in the second quarter, largely because of accounting rules requiring it to set aside reserves for stock compensation.

Excluding that, the results were largely in line with estimates, with a profit from operations of \$515 million on \$1.18 billion in revenues.

But analysts said the social media space is under pressure and that Facebook would need to show more spectacular gains to justify its stock market value.



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Switzerland	CHF	182.46	183.18	183.98
Netherlands	EUR	217.39	219.37	221.58
Sweden	SEK	24.82	25.54	26.34
Denmark	DKK	28.52	29.24	30.04
Norway	NOK	28.38	29.10	29.90
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SINGAPORE : Cans of Tiger beer (top L), brewed by Asia Pacific Breweries (APB), are displayed alongside others, including Dutch beer Heineken (top R), at a convenience store in Singapore on July 27, 2012. Dutch beer giant Heineken yesterday gave Singapore food and beverage group Fraser and Neave (F&N) one more week to consider its 4.1 billion USD takeover offer for Asia Pacific Breweries (APB). (AFP PHOTO)

#### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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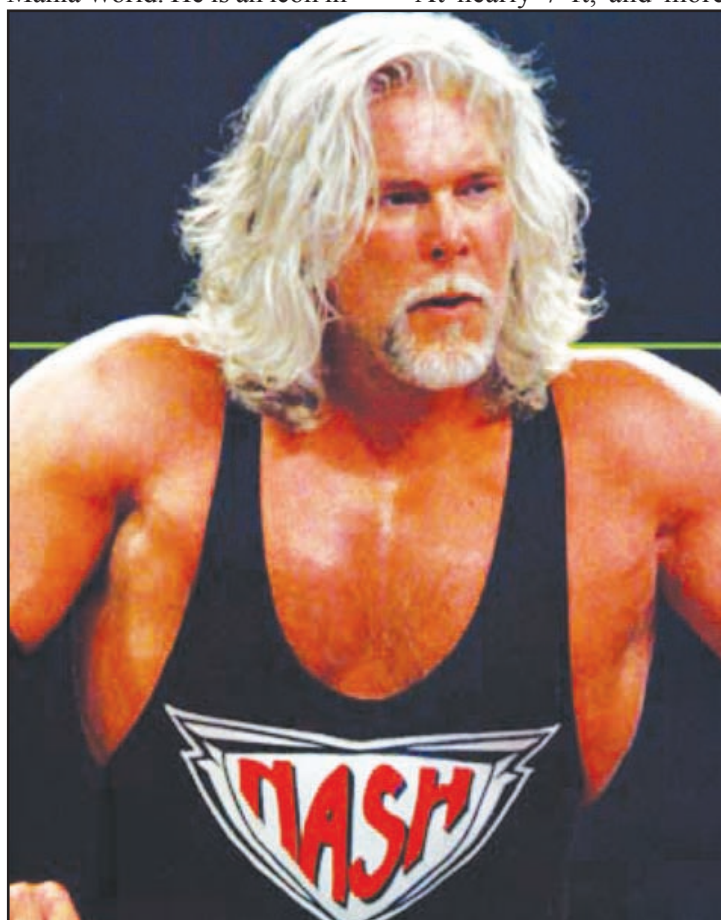
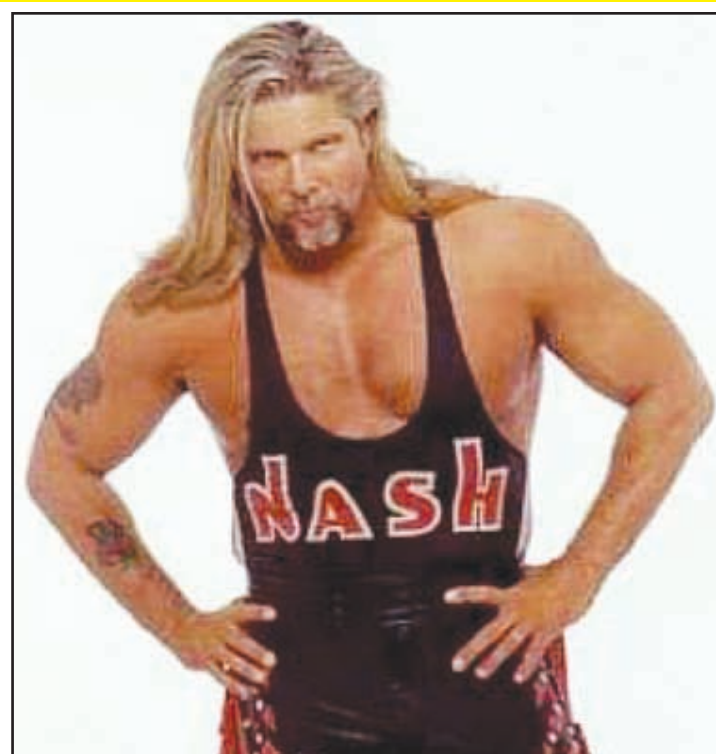


Kevin Nash is one of the most famous professional wrestlers in the wrestle Mania World. He is an icon in the wrestling world always showing tremendous support for the wrestling world. At nearly 7 ft, and more

than 300 pounds, this imposing Superstar has never been afraid to make waves at every stop. Nash is known for his signature moves such as big boot – side walk slam – and his traditional finishing move the Kevin Nash ‘Power Bomb.’

One of the most memorable moments in Nash’s career in Wrestle Mania was in 2003 when he was defeated by good friend Triple-H. The battle between Nash and Triple-H was personal, where a friendship was ended in the ring battling for the World Championship.

Kevin Nash is not only known in the wrestling world but also for his acting roles in different movies. Kevin Nash has acted in movies such as: ‘The Punisher’ and the ‘Longest Yard,’ his latest being ‘Magic Mike’ and ‘Rock of Ages.’ In ‘Magic Mike’ Nash poses as the stripper “Tarzan” and in ‘Rock of Ages’ he’s the body guard of Stacye Jaxx (Tom Cruise).





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Also, for the first time in DWTS history, viewers will choose who gets the final spot between: Carson Kressley, Kyle Massey, Sabrina

Bryan.

"We've got what we think is a great cast of popular favorites," says ABC head Paul Lee of the crop of competitors.

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## Jamaica's 'Beast' roars to prominence

LONDON (AFP) - Yohan Blake has long lurked in the shadows cast by Jamaican team-mates Usain Bolt and Asafa Powell -- but after some stunning results, "The Beast" has suddenly roared to prominence.

Blake was far from an unknown when he claimed the world 100m title in Daegu, South Korea, last year after Bolt sensationally false-started in the final.

But his exploits in the Jamaican trials of beating Bolt, the 100m and 200m world record-holder and Olympic champion, over both distances sent a ripple through the world of athletics.

Blake's personal best of 9.75sec in the 100m makes him the fourth fastest sprinter of all time after Bolt, American Tyson Gay and Powell. His 19.26sec in the 200m is the second fastest ever after Bolt.

A worthy, potential successor has been truly unearthed, coached at the Racers Track Club in Kingston by Glen Mills, the same man who has overseen Bolt's transformation into one of global sport's most marketable names.

"Win, lose or draw we are friends, even though it is business and he wants to win and I want to win," the 22-year-old Blake has said of his friendship with Bolt.

Blake, nicknamed "The Beast" for his stocky frame -- standing 1.80m (5ft 11in) and



weighing 80kg -- said training alongside Bolt had been a big boost to his career.

"Every time in training I want to win but he's always there. So I say, 'OK, how am I going to win on the big day?'"

With Bolt having suffered a rocky, injury-hit build-up to London, and Powell perpetually injury-prone before big events, Blake -- who received a three-month ban in 2009 for taking a drug that had a similar chemical structure to the banned tuaminoheptane -- has the perfect chance to shine.

He set two world leads of 9.75 and 19.80sec at the Olympic trials, and promised that there was more to come.

"It's not over," he said. "I still have the Olympics to go. I just wanted to keep performing and keep going."

Track legend Michael Johnson has said Blake was a "legitimate challenger" to Bolt, adding that the defending champion would have to be at his best.

"Yohan Blake showed he will take advantage when Bolt does not perform at his best," said Johnson, who won four Olympic gold medals at 200m, 400m and 4x400m relay.

"Bolt now has a legitimate challenger and will need to be at his best in London to defend his Olympic title."

Blake was meant to appear at a pre-Olympic press conference alongside Bolt and Powell in the east end of London on Thursday, but the tyro never materialised, Jamaican officials saying he was "collecting his luggage".

Bolt, however, was at pains to play down rumours of a rift between the two of them, even saying that they still followed the same training routine under Mills' tutelage.

"My relationship with 'The Beast' won't change at all. People were saying I was training early in the morning and Blake in the evening, but that's not true," he said.

## Saudis angry over judo hijab ban



LONDON (AFP) - Saudi Arabia have complained to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) after judo fighter Wojdan Shaherkani was banned from wearing the hijab head scarf during competition.

The 18-year-old heavyweight, a member of a two-woman team who are the first female competitors sent from the conservative kingdom to an Olympics, was ordered by the International Judo Federation to fight with her head uncovered.

But the Saudis have lodged a complaint over the ban.

"At the moment we are discussing with the International Judo Federation and the Saudi Arabia Olympic Committee to find a solution for her to compete," an IOC spokesman told AFP on Friday.

IJF president Marius Vizer had told the Saudi fighter the hijab cannot be worn in competition.

"The Saudi Arabian athlete will take part in judo and she will fight according to the principle and spirit of judo, so without a hijab," said Vizer following Thursday's draw.

Judo applies strict safety rules and any covering on the head is deemed to present a risk to the fighter's health.

Saudi Arabia only agreed to send a women's team to London on condition their two athletes respect a strict dress code.

The country's most senior sports official Prince Nawaf bin Faisal said that the duo would be allowed to compete so long as they were "wearing suitable clothing that complies with sharia (religious law)".

Additionally he added other stipulations, including "the athlete's guardian agrees and attends with her," and that "there must also be no mixing with men during the Games".

Men and women share the judo training venue, warm-up area in the competition hall and fight side-by-side on the various mat areas inside the arena.

American-raised 800m runner Sarah Attar is the second woman in the Saudi squad in London.

She has spent little time in the Islamic kingdom and grew up mostly in California, where she took up cross-country running.

**LONDON (AFP) - First Lady Michelle Obama said Friday she was fulfilling a childhood dream by leading the US delegation to the London Olympics. "These Games especially affected our little house on the south side of Chicago," she told US athletes at their training base in east London ahead of yesterday's evening's opening ceremony. She added: "I still have those same feelings of pride, excitement and wonder. So being here is otherworldly for me. I'm still so inspired by you and I'm still in awe of everything you have achieved." She said the Games had a particularly poignant meaning for her family when she was growing up, as her father had watched the events avidly when his battle against multiple sclerosis ended his own ability to play sport. The First Lady, who campaigns against child obesity, said she hoped watching the US athletes would encourage children at home to "get off the couch". The First Lady, told the team: "You've got a country back home that is rooting for you every single second, so you've already won."**



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# London Games open .....

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Britain's David Beckham (C) drives a powerboat with the Olympic torch as fireworks are launched over Tower Bridge

Once the curtain goes up, the stage is set for superstars Usain Bolt, Michael Phelps and Roger Federer to dazzle in competition, while an army of unsung competitors are also aiming for gold.

A budget of £9.3 billion (\$14.5 billion, 12 billion euros) has been spent on bringing the Games to London for an unprecedented third time, and the first since 1948.

There have been last-minute hitches with Britain's biggest peacetime security operation after 4,700 additional servicemen had to be drafted in when a private security contractor failed to supply thousands of guards.

But International Olympic Committee (IOC) chief visually impaired archer Im Dong-Hyun set the first world



Cuba's contingent taking part in the athletes parade

Jacques Rogge declared himself satisfied with the preparations.

The London organisers have stressed they are not trying to rival the no-expense-spared extravaganza of Beijing

record of the Games in Friday's ranking round and added another as South Korea broke the team record.

The man widely expected to be the face of the Games, Jamaican track star Bolt, has en-



Jamaica's flag bearer Usain Bolt holds the national flag

four years ago.

Instead they have promised a Games for the athletes and ensured many of the venues can be reused or recycled.

Iconic locations such as Wimbledon, Lord's cricket ground and Hyde Park will host events while the Olympic Park complex in Stratford is home to events including athletics, swimming and track cycling.

Before the official opening,

dured a troubled build-up, but the fastest man in the world insisted he was ready to defend both sprint titles.

In the pool, Phelps, whose eight golds in Beijing took his overall medal tally to 16, needs three more to surpass the all-time record of 18.

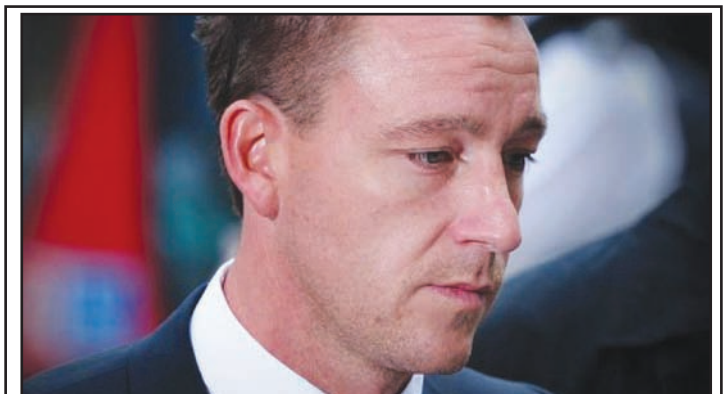
And the United States are clear favourites in the men's basketball with a Dream Team boasting LeBron James and Kobe Bryant.



LONDON (AFP) : South Korea's Im Dong-Hyun celebrates as he broke his own 72-arrow world record in the archery ranking round with a score of 699 at the Lord's Cricket Ground in London on July 27, 2012 at the London 2012 Olympic Games.



PARIS (AFP) - British sailor Alex Thomson said Friday he had broken the record for crossing the Atlantic solo from west to east by more than 24 hours, making it from New York to Cornwall in eight days, 22 hours and eight minutes. The previous record, which had stood for 10 years, was 10 days, 55 minutes and 19 seconds, set by Swiss sailor Bernard Stamm. Thomson, 38, set sail in his Hugo Boss monohull from New York on July 17 just after 3:00 pm and arrived at Lizard Point, the southern tip of mainland Britain, just after 1700 Friday, he said on his website. "When I set off I had no idea if I was going to be able to do it. And it has been hard. Lack of sleep, broken instruments on the boat and constant exposure to the elements has really taken it out of me. But it's such a good feeling to have beaten it by such a great margin." The World Sailing Speed Record Council must still ratify the claim. The record is officially known as the "West to East Ambrose Lighthouse to Lizard Point Under 60-foot Single-Handed Monohull Record, Male". The trip covers a distance of about 2,800 nautical miles (5,200 kilometres, 3,200 miles). Thomson said the trip was part of his training for the Vendee Globe, a solo, non-stop, round-the-world race that kicks off from France on November 10.



LONDON (AFP) - Chelsea captain John Terry was charged by the Football Association on Friday for abusing Queens Park Rangers defender Anton Ferdinand despite his acquittal at a criminal trial earlier this month. The former England captain was cleared of racially abusing Ferdinand at a London court hearing on July 13. However the FA said in a statement they had now charged Terry after reviewing evidence gathered in their own inquiry in addition to the criminal investigation. Terry was stripped of the England captaincy in February over the allegations. As a consequence, Fabio Capello resigned as England manager, just months before Terry joined the England squad for the 2012 European Championships.

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## London Games open with fun-filled show



The opening ceremony begins with the newly-crowned Tour de France winner Bradley Wiggins ringing of a 23-ton Olympic Bell, from the same London foundry that made Big Ben and Philadelphia's Liberty Bell. Its thunderous chime has echoed around the 80,000-seat Olympic Stadium.



The Red Arrows aerobatic team flies over the Olympic Stadium ahead of the Opening Ceremony of the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.



The opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games

LONDON (AFP) - The London Olympics burst into life on Friday with a humour-filled opening ceremony watched by 80,000 spectators and more than one billion TV viewers.

Queen Elizabeth II and James Bond, alias actor Daniel Craig, were shown in a spoof film parachuting from a helicopter into the Olympic Stadium in east London before the real monarch took her seat to loud applause.

After seven years of planning, the Games officially began in the gleaming new stadium in a once rundown area of the British capital with a colourful show devised by "Slumdog Millionaire" director Danny Boyle.

The ceremony kept Boyle's promise to showcase British history with a dash of quirky humour, tracing time from a bucolic past through the Industrial Revolution before fast-forwarding to the present day.

The show even included a tribute to Britain's state-run National Health Service while actor Kenneth Branagh, "Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling and "Mr Bean" Rowan Atkinson all had roles.

More than 80 world leaders and royals attended the ceremony while First Lady Michelle Obama represented the United States alongside a host of celebrities including Angelina Jolie.

Earlier the Olympic flame was rowed up the River Thames in the royal barge as it approached the end of a 70-day relay around Britain and Ireland and made its way to the stadium.

The queen told dignitaries earlier that people in Britain had watched the progress of the flame with "growing excitement" as the Games approached.

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Picture shows the general view of the Olympic Stadium before the opening ceremony



Britain Queen Elizabeth II (C) takes place next to International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Jacques Rogge (L), the Spokesman for London 2012 Don Foster (2D-L), the Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams (2D-R) and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh during the opening ceremony



The Union Flag is presented during the Opening Ceremony